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Council demands fair deal on renewables

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) is calling on the NSW Government to take urgent action on what it describes as a deeply flawed planning approach to the New England Renewable Energy Zone (NEREZ), warning that local communities are bearing the brunt of the state's renewable ambitions without seeing proportional benefits.

Mayor Sam Coupland appeared before the NSW Parliament last week, advocating for a more locally driven and equitable rollout of the NEREZ. He argued that while the initiative is vital for achieving net zero emissions, it must also serve as a vehicle for meaningful regional development.

"To date, the NEREZ has been treated largely as an infrastructure pipeline for Sydney's energy needs," Mayor Coupland said.

"But we are the hosts, and our communities are experiencing the impacts first-hand—from housing shortages and water stress to inadequate infrastructure and waste management systems."

Mayor Coupland highlighted that Armidale Council has proactively developed its own community benefit-sharing framework and has negotiated voluntary planning agreements (VPAs) with renewable energy companies. The Council has also im-



plemented a regional water security strategy to prepare for growth. However, without financial and structural backing from the NSW Government, the mayor says the region is being set up to fail.

"We support renewables, but support must go both ways," said Coupland.

"Our region is rich in renewable energy resources, and we deserve a 'most favoured nation' deal. If we host it, we should benefit from it."

Echoing Council's concerns, Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan called on the NSW Government to take local feedback seriously. He said residents, landholders, and local officials have voiced widespread dissatisfaction with the planning process.

"No one is opposing renewables," Moylan said.

"But every single person who spoke at the inquiry demanded fairness and genuine engagement."

"It's time the State Government stopped treating us as an afterthought."

Both ARC and Moylan are calling for a coordinated, place-based strategy that directly invests in the communities hosting renewable infrastructure. Without it, they warn, public support will falter, and the full potential of the NEREZ—both as an energy hub and regional development opportunity—will go unrealised.



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2025 Transition to Kindergarten Program

Transition Dates

Start Date: Thursday, 1st May 2025
Finish date: Thursday, 18th December 2025
Time: 8.30 a.m. – 2.40 p.m.

Transition to Kindergarten runs every Thursday from Term 2 – End of Term 4.

Permanent variation to Bush Fire Danger Period

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) New England Zone has announced a permanent variation to the starting date of the Bushfire Danger Period.

Acting District Manager, Inspector Matthew McKean has confirmed that the new Bushfire Danger Period will now commence from 1 September 2025.

Inspector McKean explained that this permanent variation for the Armidale, Walcha and Uralla Local Government Areas (LGAs) will see the Bushfire Danger Period run from 1 September through to 31 March moving forward. Fire Permits to burn and notifications to neighbours and RFS will remain the same as in previous years.

“Fire Permits to burn are a free service provided by the

RFS and can be obtained by visiting the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and clicking on the Apply, Notify, Enquire link on the front page of the website.”

“Once the permit is issued, the permit holder will need to lodge their notification through the RFS website by again clicking on the Apply, Notify, Enquire link and selecting Notify of your planned burn.”

“Additionally, permit holders can contact their local Fire Permit Officer directly for a paper permit or by contacting the New England Fire Control Centre on 6771 7700 between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday and we can put you in touch with your Brigade Fire Permit Officer”, Inspector McKean said.

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Strong community support for Heritage Train

The Guyra Heritage Rail Group held a highly successful open day on Sunday, July 13th, drawing visitors from across the region in a heartfelt effort to “save the little train.”

The committee was pleasantly surprised by the turnout, with supporters travelling from as far as Ulong and Inverell, alongside many locals from the Guyra area.

Attendees expressed genuine interest in helping to keep the much-loved heritage train running and volunteered for a wide range of essential roles including ticket sellers, train drivers, observers, safety officers, track maintenance workers, mechanics, and administrative personnel.

The heritage train has been in operation for over 25 years on a 2.8-kilometre section of the disused Great Northern Rail, from the Ollera Street Crossing to Ramage’s Engineering.

The train runs up to six times



Hopes are high that the train will be running again in the near future

annually, with key events including the 12-day Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival each January, and TroutFest over the October long weekend. Additional operating days are scheduled based on community demand.

Looking ahead, the group already has bookings for 2026 from three bus companies plan-

ning tours specifically to experience a ride on the heritage train—an encouraging sign of growing interest and support.

To build on the momentum from the open day, the Heritage Rail Group will begin training sessions in August.

The first will be a hands-on day for aspiring mechanics, fol-

lowed by track maintenance training. Those who missed the open day but would still like to get involved are encouraged to reach out directly to the Heritage Rail Group.

For more information on training days contact the Guyra Heritage Rail Group by phoning 6779 2132.

Jam-Packed Entertainment program for TroutFest

Get ready, Guyra! The highly anticipated Guyra TroutFest is set to reel in a spectacular program of entertainment this Labour Day long weekend, from October 3rd to 6th, 2025. With a diverse lineup promising laughter, music, poetry, and dancing, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

TroutFest is an annual community event celebrating the opening of the Trout Season and the unique character and beauty of Guyra. It brings together locals and visitors for a weekend of entertainment, culture, and community spirit.

The festivities kick off on Friday, October 3rd, with an evening of uproarious laughter and classic Australian storytelling. Prepare for side-splitting comedy from Aussie Comedy legend Austen Tayshus, joined by award-winning bush poets Paddy O’Brien and Dave Melville.

Saturday, October 4th, will transform Guyra into a bustling hub of activity with a vibrant

street market during the day. Local talent will shine bright with a busking competition, providing an opportunity for performers to showcase their skills. As evening descends, the competition heats up with a thrilling Saturday night band contest.

Sunday, October 5th, promises a relaxed yet lively atmosphere, with a full day of music and barefoot bowls from 11 am to 6 pm. As night falls, prepare for a unique and electrifying experience as “The Guyra TroutFest Mirror Ball” takes over the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame. From 8 pm, the dance floor will ignite with the sounds of Tech-House and Bush-Tech DJs FrakTek and CNSTBL, promising an unforgettable night of beats and rhythm.

The long weekend concludes on Monday, October 6th, with a serene and sophisticated afternoon of classical music, providing a perfect wind-down to the exciting four days.

Call for Entertainers!

Do you have something to sell? Are you a talented musician, busker, or band looking for a stage? The Guyra TroutFest is seeking local and regional market stall holders and entertainers to be part of our exciting program!

We’re particularly interested in performers for our busking competition and Saturday night band contest. Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to share your talent with the community and be part of one of Guyra’s biggest events.

Expressions of interest and information on how to participate, please contact the Guyra TroutFest Entertainment Committee: markgordon9405@gmail.com or phone 0436 003 901

For market enquiries contact troutfestmarkets@gmail.com

General Enquiries guyratroutfest@gmail.com 0488735 736



Aussie Comedy legend Austen Tayshus will be in Guyra as part of TroutFest 2025

Holidays are over- keep your eye out around school zones

Snow Ball sold out

TroutFest is looking for local musicians

People sitting on street stalls during winter - make sure you buy a ticket when you go past

JOKE of the week

I was in the shoe shop trying on a shoe.

I said to the assistant, "it's too tight". She said "try it with the tongue out", I said "it's th whood, it's th thtill tho thigh".

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
15	Tues	0.1	9.2	0
16	Wed	-0.6	11.6	4.6
17	Thurs	-2.5	14.7	0
18	Fri	3.8	6.9	20.6
19	Sat	2.7	9.8	0.6
20	Sun	-0.6	11.2	0
21	Mon	5.4	11.9	0

Rain this week	25.2mm
July. rainfall	44.8mm
Rainfall YTD	615.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	477.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	510.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Guyra residents now have improved access to Centrelink services, thanks to a new outreach initiative by Services Australia. For some time, the local community has needed a Centrelink presence, and now that need is being addressed.

A representative from Services Australia is making regular visits to the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre (GNC) to assist locals with their Centrelink needs.

In addition, a Services Australia Indigenous Service Officer will be holding a series of information sessions at the GNC. These sessions aim to help community members access payments and services, learn how to use online tools, and connect with other available support in the region.

The first session will take place on July 28, with follow-up sessions scheduled for August 18, September 2, and September 22.



This initiative is a welcome development for the Guyra community, improving access to essential services and support systems.

For more information, contact the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre by phoning 67791635.




2025 RIDE FOR THE CHOPPER



TEAM GUYRA



I am participating in the 2025 Ride for the Chopper and raising money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Scan the QR Code to donate

Council Meetings

Our next scheduled council meeting is 23 July 2025. All meetings will be held at 4pm in the Armidale Council Chambers unless stated otherwise. The public is welcome to watch live streaming over YouTube, via the link included below, or attend in person.

Current Vacancies

Aquatic Centre Shift Supervisor/ Maintenance Officer - Closes 27 July. Are you passionate about aquatic safety, community wellbeing, and keeping facilities in top shape? We are looking for a proactive and safety-focused Aquatic Shift Supervisor / Maintenance Officer to help lead operations at our vibrant Monckton Aquatic Centre and Guyra pool.

ARC Casual Register - Closes 21 December. We're seeking expressions of interest from motivated individuals to join our casual register!

For more jobs and to apply | Search: Careers at Armidale Regional Council

New service station proposal for Llangothlin

Council has received Development Application (No. 86-2025) for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of a new service station, general store, and post office at 5232 New England Highway, Llangothlin. Community members can inspect the application and supporting documents via the Council's self-service portal under 'Applications on Notification' until 14 August 2025. For further enquiries contact Council's planning team by emailing council@armidale.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 136 833.



Guyra Preschool celebrate and learn during NAIDOC Week

As part of NAIDOC Week celebrations, the children and staff of Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre were invited to the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre. Guyra Elder, Mrs Nellie Blair read the children a story about the didgeridoo, explaining its cultural significance and the importance of respecting traditions. The children listened to the didgeridoo and watched a dance about an emu.

They enjoyed creating artwork inspired by the Aboriginal flag, learning about its symbols of identity and connection to Country, and then stayed to share morning tea in the gardens. Preschool staff said that the entire experience emphasised listening, understanding, and celebrating Aboriginal culture, leaving everyone with a deeper sense of respect and appreciation for the wisdom, art, and shared stories that enrich our community.

We host it, we benefit – Council calls for fair deal on renewables



Council is calling on the NSW Government to address known shortcomings and deliver meaningful regional development through the New England Renewable Energy Zone (NEREZ), describing the current approach as an overlooked opportunity that risks alienating the very communities expected to host the infrastructure. To date, the State Government has primarily approached the NEREZ as infrastructure corridors supporting metropolitan energy demands and the broader Net Zero transition. While this technical lens has its merits, it risks overlooking the wider potential of the NEREZ to foster economic diversification and empower resilient, self-determined regional communities.

Mayor Sam Coupland warns that cumulative effects of overlapping renewable energy projects are being seriously underestimated. Visit the Council website to read more!

Water drops: Did you know?

During the severe drought in 2019, Council sought groundwater as an alternative solution to address the critical water shortage. The Council undertook a backup groundwater program, working with the NSW Government to investigate potential groundwater sources. This initiative was crucial as Guyra Dam storages emptied, and the region faced the prospect of running out of water. This backup groundwater program was partially successful. Council worked with the NSW Government to investigate potential groundwater sources, which helped alleviate some of the immediate water shortages. However, Armidale region's high altitude means that groundwater yield is very low, making it difficult to rely on groundwater as a significant water source. The program faced challenges in fully meeting the region's water needs, highlighting the importance of continuing to develop and diversify water security strategies.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

July	24	Sue Adams
July	25	Steve Adams
July	28	Peter Thomas
July	29	Toni Kirkman
July	30	ARC

Street Stalls

July 31	Hospital Aux.
Aug. 7,8,9	Lions
Aug. 15	Can Assist

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Vigil Mass 5pm (during winter) Saturday 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am. **Contact:** 6779 1036

St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome! **Contact:** Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111 **Anglicare Chaplain:** Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Ben Lomond, 2pm October 5th **Contact:** Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

The Chapel: 66 Llangothin Street: Sunday Service: 10am

Contact: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

Uniting Church:

57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am **Contact:** Di Burey 0428 791 742

Church of Freedom

(Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm **Pastors:** Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

ROTARY CLUB 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6.00pm at Rafter's.

Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

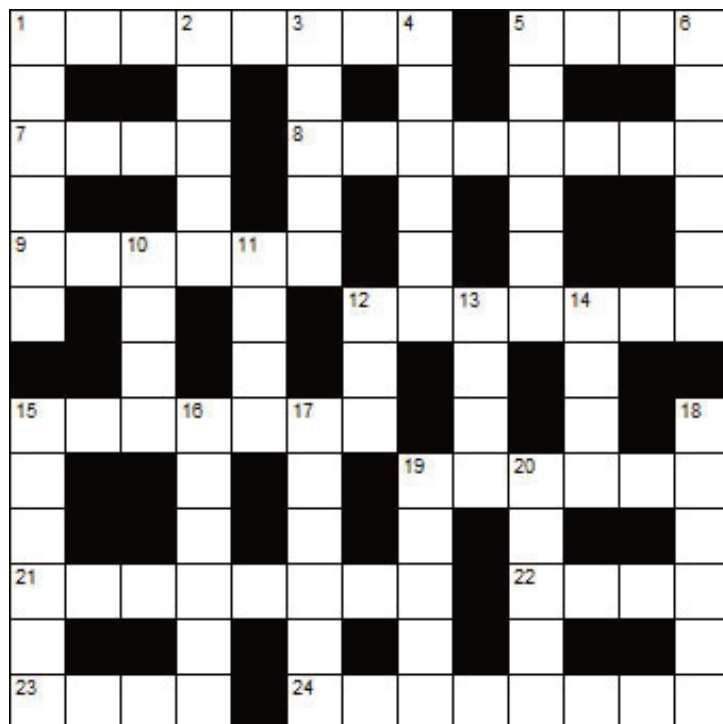
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- Cleft in glacier (8)
- Record (4)
- Actor _____ Morrissey (4)
- Normal (8)
- Inheritance (6)
- Sports umpire (7)
- The Netherlands (7)
- Plant of arid regions (6)
- High award (8)
- Reverberate (4)
- Disparaging remark (4)
- Group of performers (8)

Down:

- Wax taper (6)
- Roman home (5)
- Tale (5)
- Tolerate (6)
- Hang loosely (6)
- Prairie-wolf (6)
- Ambition (4)
- Cataleptic condition
- Crimson (3)

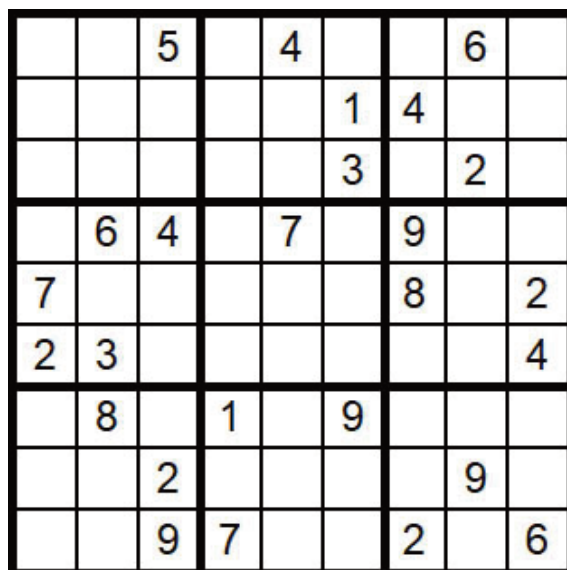
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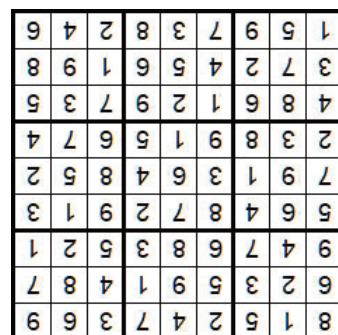
- Jumping parasite (4)
- Corrosion (4)
- Pester (6)
- British political party (6)
- Nullify (6)

- On dry land (6)
- Garnish plant (5)
- Yellow-white (5)

Sudoku - Easy



Across: 1. Crevasse, 5. Disc, 7. Neil, 8. Or-dinary, 9. Legacy, 12. Referee, 15. Holland, 19. Cactus, 21. Accolade, 22. Echo, 23. Slur, 24. Ensemble
Down: 1. Candle, 2. Villa, 3. Story, 4. En-dure, 5. Dangle, 6. Coyote, 10. Goal, 11. Coma, 12. Red, 13. Flea, 14. Rust, 15. Ha-rass, 16. Labour, 17. Negate, 18. Ashore, 19. Cress, 20. Cream



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ABC's Muster Dogs comes to the region

Women in agriculture across the New England region, including Guyra, will take centre stage as the beloved ABC series Muster Dogs rolls into Glen Innes for a special event celebrating rural women's contributions to the land.

The community event, titled "Strong Women, Strong Country", will be held at the Glen Innes Showgrounds Tearooms on Thursday, July 24th, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm, drawing attention from across the New England.

The spotlight will shine on guest speaker Dr. Lucy Newcome, a UNE Senior Lecturer whose research into farm succession to daughters resonates strongly with local farming families.

Also attending is Muster Dogs narrator and 2025 Gold Logie nominee Lisa Millar, along with Season Three cast member Marlene Brewer, a cattle producer from Bingara, accompanied by her border collie, Hudson. A film crew will be on-site, capturing the

visit for posterity

Speakers will address key challenges facing rural women, including social isolation, mental health, and succession planning. Experts like Cath Spora from the Farmgate Support Program and Kourtney Orman from the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program aim to spark community dialogue.

Discussion topics will focus on the complex issues facing women on the land — including social isolation, access to support, and family succession planning — in

an event designed to inspire,

spark connection and community

Tickets for the event are \$20 and include morning tea and a light lunch, available through <http://tix.yt/glenracmusterdogs>

The event is hosted by GLEN-RAC, who welcome all — especially Guyra locals — to come along, hear inspiring stories, and share in a day that celebrates resilience, connection, and the vital role of women in agriculture.

OUR HISTORY - McMullen's Store



J.M. McMullen store was located in Ollera Street North Guyra.

Joseph McMullen came to the Guyra District in the 1890's and was engaged in various occupation associated with the land, and subsequently, about 1896 he established a storekeeping business in Ollera Street North Guyra. (about where the Guyra Fire shed is situated). Disposing of the business, about 1910 he took on a Hotel business at Bundarra. Selling that Hotel he then purchased a storekeeping business at Walcha Road and after sometime sold out and went into a hotel at Walcha. Then in 1914 he returned to

Guyra again going into the storekeeping business which he conducted until he retired in 1930.

Guyra Argus June 1903.

Our hitherto quiet little town was thrown into a state of wild excitement on Monday evening shortly after 8pm., when the alarm of "fire" was raised, and in a short time the whole of the inhabitants were making their way to the scene.

The fire which is a mystery, broke out in the drapery department, and in less time it takes to write, that part of the building

was enveloped in flames. Many willing hands were soon at work endeavouring to stay the progress of the flames, and aided by the calmness of the night had the satisfaction of beating the fire before it left the main building, thus saving Mr Burling bakery, which at one period was thought to be as good as raised to the ground; had there been any wind, there would have been nothing to save it, also Mr Tom Sole store and residence.

Although Mr McMullen succeeded in saving a portion of his stock he is a heavy loser as the

building and stock valued at over £ 3,000 and was only covered by £1,600 insurance. Fortunately the books were recovered but there was a considerable amount of money which was destroyed.

Great sympathy is expressed for our townsman in his sad misfortune. He had only recently unpacked his extensive winter stock, which was equal to anything in New England. The reflection of the blaze was seen as far as four miles from town. This is the only fire that has occurred in Guyra, and we hope it will be the last.

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Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

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Tuesday 29th July 2025 -
commencing 9am

Tuesday 12th August 2025 -
commencing 9am

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Weekly Wool Market

July 18th - The slow but steady run up since the start of the new selling season continued this week with the Eastern market indicator gaining 9 cents.

In the Northern region some varying results occurred particularly around the 17 to 17.5 micron types, no doubt influenced by quantity and quality on a day to day basis. In positive news when looked

at in US dollars the market moved to its highest level since January 2024 and has only traded higher than this week's close twice in the past 24 months. 22,399 bales were sold for the week with 5.2% passed in.

Major buyers included Tianyu, PJ Morris and Fox and Lillie. Next week is the last sale before the annual three week recess. The steady increase in the market combined with the upcoming

recess and Fremantle's return to selling has pushed the expected national offering to over 38,000 bales.

This will be the largest sale since April if this quantity all materialises. Buyers knew the last sale before the recess would be a larger offering well before sales commenced this week, and on face value of this week's results they seem unperturbed by the larger offering.



Gazette Footy Tipping

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Locals Entry Form - Round 22

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 30th July**

Name:

Phone:

Eels	vs	Storm
Warriors	vs	Dolphins
Broncos	vs	Rabbits
Titans	vs	Panthers
Dragons	vs	Raiders
Sea Eagles	vs	Roosters
Tigers	vs	Bulldogs
Sharks	vs	Cowboys

Bye:
Knights



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

It seems to have been a rather easy round for tipsters last week — except for a few who only managed 6 or 8 points. The majority scored 12 or 14 points.

This has resulted in not much change in the Locals Leaderboard, with both King GJBW and Winter Wombat both scoring 14 points to remain in 1st and 2nd place, respectively.

BigRus, who was sharing 3rd place with Dip Stick, did not do so well and has slipped 4 points behind.

If you are following Rabidohs and wondering why the big leap in points, it is only that the Gazette appears to have

missed recording the score last week.

Our Celebrities mostly did well with their tips, except for our lovely lads at Fourways who only managed 8 points.

Kim, whose florentines are to die for, also had a not so great week allowing our local Cr. Eli to catch up and share 2nd place. Mal remains in top spot on 189 points.

The scores are tightening up and the sprint to the end of the season could get interesting.

Good luck with your tips this week and please don't forget to get your tips in on time!

Sue's Tips

Storm
Cowboys
Broncos
Warriors
Panthers
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Sea Eagles



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Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



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Dragons
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Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



Fourways Service Centre

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6779 1284

Score: 171

Vu's Tips

Storm
Cowboys
Broncos
Warriors
Panthers
Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



Guyra Pharmacy Trading Hours

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Saturday 9am - 12pm
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Sunday & Public Holidays

106 Bradley Street, Guyra 6779 1192



Score: 169

Robert's Tips

Storm
Cowboys
Broncos
Warriors
Panthers
Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday:

8.00am to 5.30pm

Friday: 7.30am to 5.30pm

Saturday: 7.30am to 12pm



105 Bradley Street
6779 1008

Score: 177

Mal's Tips

Roosters
Cowboys
Broncos
Warriors
Panthers
Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



MAL MOFFATT

"Yarana", Guyra

0427 102 630

mal.moff@outlook.com

Score: 189

Kim's Tips

Storm
Cowboys
Bronco's
Warriors
Panthers
Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



OPENING HOURS

Mon, Thurs, Fri:

6.30am - 2pm

Wednesday: 6.30am-5pm

Saturday: 7am - 2pm

Tues & Sun: CLOSED

Kimmy's Kitchen

120A Bradley St.
0486 012 743



Score: 181

Eli's Tips

Storm
Cowboys
Broncos
Warriors
Panthers
Sharks
Raiders
Bulldogs



Cr Eli Imad

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FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER
ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

From 4pm. Markets, food stalls, entertainment for young and old, Santa with presents for the kids

9 - 12 JULY 2026

Guyra SnowFest

Visit www.guyrasnowfest.com to subscribe for information.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY AGM will be held on Saturday 26th July, 9.30am at Guyra Bowling Club followed by a General Meeting.

GUYRA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AGM will be held on Wednesday, 6th August at 2.00pm at the Guyra MPS. All welcome.

GUYRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL NOTICE OF ORDINARY/ MEMBERS MEETING

Date: Tuesday 5th August 2025

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: 187 Falconer Street Guyra 2365

Agenda

1. Meeting opened
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Members Meeting
4. Financial Report
5. New Memberships
6. NAIDOC Week
7. General Business

Authorised by: Antoni Patterson
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Hockey

Second Grade battles hard in fast-paced clash with United

Guyra Second Grade faced off against United in an intense and fast-paced hockey encounter. The midfield worked tirelessly, applying pressure at both ends of the field to keep the game competitive.

Aimee Lenehan and Sarah Cox played a pivotal role in maintaining ball movement, while Nat Mendes and Carla Tobin were constantly active in the circle, keeping the opposition on their toes.

United came out determined to secure the win — a determination that saw them collect a few green cards along the way. Despite the Guyra side's strong effort, United emerged with a 4-1 victory.

Ladies put up brave fight against Breakaways

This game had it all — penalty corners, a green card, and even a penalty stroke — as the Guyra Ladies faced the formidable Breakaways side. Despite being down to just 10 players, the Guyra team delivered a truly impressive performance.

Bern Jackson was outstanding in goals, saving shot after shot with composure and skill. At the back, Jenni Jackson not only stood firm in defence but also managed to get on the scoreboard herself. The pressure was relentless, but Emma Ellis provided a calming presence, helping to stabilise the defence and ease the load.

Although the final score was 4-0, it marked a significant improvement from the last time these two teams met — a testament to the determination, teamwork, and spirit of the Guyra Ladies.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 15th there was no golf. Unfortunately weather was once again the winner. Five of us took advantage of better weather on the Thursday for a social game and that was a lot of fun. Since then there has been more rain so it is very wet out there. If you are playing while conditions are like this please be careful where you drive and keep carts well away from Greens.

Next Tuesday if we are able it's a 2 person Ambrose. Draw for partners and markers.

Drake.

Ladies' Golf

Last week a small field played golf in beautiful weather.

The course is still soggy in parts which can make scoring difficult.

The winner of the Par Medal was Kerry Bull.

Debbie Heffernan was the runner up.

Nearest the pin winners were Kerry Bull on the 7th hole.

Debbie Heffernan on the 9th hole.

Pip White on the 18th hole.

This week is a Stroke and Putting Competition.

Next week several of the ladies are travelling to Inverell to play in the Sapphire Cup.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Results:

R Mulligan 31 defeated L Beechey 18, A Bull 31 defeated R Moore 15

Matches Sunday 27th July:

Open singles R Moore versus T Ellis marker D Kennedy

Major/Minor pairs: A Bull, J Varco versus C Stanley, G Mitchell

David Wilcox



ELDERS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS BBQ

Hosted by Elders Armidale & Guyra
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Tuesday 29 July from 8:30am
Guyra Sheepyards

All are welcome to attend



ELDERS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS BBQ

Join the Elders Armidale Guyra team and Shedway for a mental health awareness check-in at Guyra Sheepyards. BBQ and coffee provided.

- 8:30am start at Guyra sheepyards
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- Enquiries: Sarah Gwilym 02 6770 7000

Woods gets Australian call up (and a Baggy Green)

Veteran cricketer Mitch Woods has achieved a long-held dream, earning his first Baggy Green after being selected in the Australian Over-55s side for the upcoming Quad Series in Mildura this September.

He has played Grade cricket in Armidale, Guyra, Coffs Harbour and various representative sides in Lismore, Armidale, Central North, and Emus.

He has been a regular in the NSW over 55s side and his Australian selection follows a year of trial matches and training camps. Securing a spot in the national squad was always the goal.

A seasoned bowling all-rounder, Mitch previously represented Australia A, and was part of the extended squad for a Veterans World Cup, though he didn't make the final team at the time.

"This is something I've worked toward for a long time. It hasn't quite sunk in yet," Woods said.

"COVID took away opportunities during my peak years for over-50s cricket, so I'm especially pleased to get the call-up now."

The Quad Series will feature matches between Australia, Australia A, New Zealand, and a World XI, with the top teams

vying for a place in the final. Woods is hopeful his team will go all the way.

While they may be a bit slower, veteran cricketers remain fiercely competitive, with matches often featuring former Test and Shield players. For Woods, the selection is a career highlight.

A love of the game that began at age 10 playing for Bald Blair Public School has never left him. Today, he still plays for the camaraderie and mental health benefits the sport brings, staying active through "mateship cricket" and enjoying the social outlet it provides.


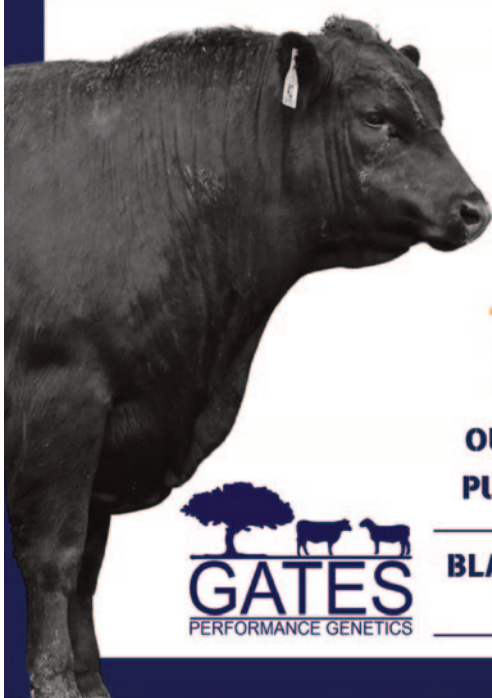
When he's not on the cricket field, Mitch can be found on the family farm. The only drawback is that he will be cutting it fine to get shearing over before the tournament gets underway.

Off the pitch, Mitch also crafts custom cricket bats under the label Rams Head Bats. While orders have slowed recently, they are still available for purchase.

As Veterans cricket is self-funded, Mitch and his partner Kylie are currently running a "200 Club" raffle to help cover the costs of uniforms, blazers, and the iconic Baggy Green cap. Tickets are available by contacting either of them directly.



Guyra cricketer Mitchell Woods has been selected for the Australian Over-55s team to play in Mildura in September



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